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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, Applicants respectfully direct the Examiner's attention to the documents listed below and on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. A copy of each non-U.S. patent document so listed is enclosed. Copies of U.S. patent documents are not enclosed, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a) as revised September, 2004 and pursuant to the waiver published at 1287 OG 163 (October, 2004).

U.S. Patent 4,771,295
U.S. Patent 5,245,361
U.S. Patent 5,250,957
U.S. Patent 5,373,936
U.S. Patent 5,448,274
U.S. Patent 5,477,963
U.S. Patent 5,489,932
U.S. Patent 5,534,899
U.S. Patent 5,552,816

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U.S. Patent 5,583,549
U.S. Patent 5,619,237
U.S. Patent 5,646,665
U.S. Patent 6,336,709
U.S. Patent 6,361,158
Europe 408,241
Europe 547,874
Europe 585,615
Japan 59-198311
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Japan 60-120064
Japan 60-192642
Japan 60-192643
Japan 60-204342
Japan 60-245560
Japan 61-28751 (Utility)
Japan 62-141718 (Utility)
Japan 1-109378
Japan 2-69127 (Utility)
Japan 2-187366
Japan 2-188246
Japan 2-217257
Japan 3-108557
Japan 4-29042 (Utility, gazette and full specification)
Japan 5-8405
Japan 5-23954
Japan 5-57906
Japan 5-96744
Japan 5-104735
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Japan 5-162301
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Japan 5-254139
Japan 5-270001
Japan 5-301350
Japan 5-318758
Japan 5-318762
Japan 5-345411
Japan 6-31933

English language abstracts for most of the non-English references cited

above have been located and are enclosed.

In addition, it is believed that U.S. Patent 4,578,685 is an English language counterpart to Japan 59-198311; that U.S. Patent 4,969,759 is an English language counterpart to Japan 60-245560; that U.S. Patent 5,245,361 is an English language counterpart to Japan 2-188246; that U.S. Patent 5,448,274 is an English language counterpart to Japan 5-162301; and that U.S. Patent 5,477,963 is an English language counterpart to Japan 5-229133. Those U.S. patents are also listed on the attached form PTO-1449.

This application has received an Office Action on the merits but has not yet received either a final action or a notice of allowance. Accordingly, this Information Disclosure Statement is filed under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(c) and is accompanied by the \$180.00 fee specified at 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(p). Consideration of the art cited herein is accordingly deemed proper, and such action is respectfully requested.

The Examiner is urged to study this information in its entirety and to form an independent determination of the materiality of the information to the claimed invention. Additionally, the Examiner is requested to indicate that this information has been considered by initialling the appropriate portion of Form PTO-1449.

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		4,771,295	9/13/88	Baker, et al	347	87	
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		5,583,549	12/10/96	Ujita, et al	347	86	
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		1-109378 ✓	4/26/89	Japan			Abstract
		2-69127 ✓	5/25/90	Japan (Utility)			No
		2-187366 ✓	7/23/90	Japan			Abstract
		2-188246 ✓	7/24/90	Japan			Abstract
		2-217257 ✓	8/30/90	Japan			Abstract
		3-108557 ✓	5/8/91	Japan			Abstract
		4-29042 ✓	3/9/92	Japan (Utility)			No
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